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Dear Ed:

Thank you for your two notes. I am enclosing a memorandum concerning available jet schedules out of New York. I think that you will find that the schedule from New York to London does fit a bit better from the point of view of reasonable connections to Stockholm. It seems to me that the speed that the jet offers makes a daytime flight a more reasonable proposition than would be the case with earlier aircraft. I have a definite booking on the flight indicated and gather that they are not so crowded as to discourage the possibility of your being able to join the same flight if you care to do so. But I do think it would be advisable for you to get some reservations to protect yourself.

You will also have heard from Ciba House, which I had occasion to contact on another matter. If you have never stayed there I would earnestly recommend it to you for the experience itself as well as for the assurance of excellent accommodations without having to worry about advance reservations in London or the cost. You will have to contact Dr. Wolstenholme directly and I hope it will not put you out if you decide not to accept.

Beets wrote asking about plans for the Nobel lectures. I don't see any problem at all here although I am, of course, counting on the background that you and he will develop as the very basis of the later work I will report. I had in mind a somewhat simplified version, brought up to date, of the review of mechanisms of recombination that I wrote for the Oak Ridge Symposium in 1955. It certainly is not the most exciting thing in the world to go over old material in this fashion, but I hope to be able to find some different slant to it. I should mention that I'm going to make every effort within the legal terms of the award to postpone my own presentation to a later visit to Stockholm this coming spring. I don't know how well the authorities there will take to this idea.

I've just received, (by surface mail!) a very cursory statement from the Nobel Foundation about the affairs. But I also saw Enders and Weller at Harvard last week and they gave me somewhat more detailed information about the ceremonies. I really think the only thing to do is to contact some of the previous award winners like Lippmann or Du Vigneaud.

I have to mention the strong possibility that Ester will not be accompanying me after all. The problems of getting the lab closed up and moving within three weeks after returning from Stockholm are beginning to sound

somewhat too formidable. For the time being I wouldn't make an issue of this except as between ourselves.

I imagine we will all be rather relieved when all the ceremonial is over. Looking forward to seeing you, and to that time,

As ever,

JL:kk